Remark

By this amendment, claims 1- 2, 5-12, and 15-18 have been amended,
Claims 19-25 have been added. Hence, claims 1-25 are presented for
examination. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced
by this amendment.

Conclusion

If the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance
of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, the Examiner
is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (303) 740-1980.
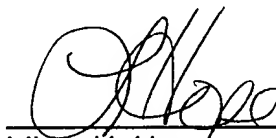
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In The Claims:

Presented below are the claims, as amended, showing additions in underlined text and deletions in brackets.

1. 1. (Twice Amended) A method of facilitating person-to-person commerce
2. over a network, the method comprising [the steps of]:

3. harvesting user-specified images from a plurality of sites based upon user-
4. supplied information, the user-supplied information including
5. descriptions of items for sale and locations from which user-
6. specified images to be associated with the items can be retrieved;

7. creating thumbnail images corresponding to the harvested user-specified
8. images; and

9. aggregating the thumbnail images onto a web page for presentation at a
10. remote site.

1. 2. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein [the step of] said
2. creating thumbnail images corresponding to the harvested user-specified
3. images comprises [the steps of]:

4. for each harvested user-specified image

5   decompressing the harvested user-specified image from a source format

6   to a decompressed image format;

7   converting the decompressed image format to a thumbnail image format;

8   and

9   compressing the thumbnail image format into an output format.

1   5.   (Twice Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the locations comprise

2   Uniform Resource Locators (URLs), and wherein [the step of] harvesting

3   user-specified images from a plurality of sites based upon user-supplied

4   information comprises [the step of] downloading the user-specified images

5   from the plurality of sites specified by the URLs.

1   6.   (Twice Amended) A method of displaying items in a person-to-person

2   online trading environment, the method comprising [the steps of]:

3   storing at a local site a first thumbnail image associated with a first item for

4   sale, the first thumbnail image created based on a first user-

5   specified image at a first remote site;

6   storing at the local site a second thumbnail image associated with a

7   second item for sale, the second thumbnail image created based

8   upon a second user-specified image at a second remote site; and

9   combining the first and second thumbnail images onto a web page for

10   presentation at a third remote site.

7.   (Twice Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising [the step of]

harvesting the first and second user-specified images from the first and

second remote sites, respectively, based upon user-supplied information

including Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) from which the first and

second user-specified images can be retrieved.

8.   (Twice Amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising [the step of]

scaling the first and second user-specified images to fit within a

predetermined space.

9.   (Once Amended) A method of accessing a database, the method

comprising [the steps of]:

loading a database comprising a plurality of thumbnail images completely

into a virtual address space of a process starting at a first address;

and

retrieving a thumbnail image of the plurality of thumbnail images from the

database by indexing into the virtual address space at a location

defined by the first address plus an offset corresponding to the

thumbnail image.

10.   (Once Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein [the step of] said loading

a database comprising a plurality of thumbnail images completely into a

virtual address space of a process starting at a first address comprises

opening the database as a memory mapped file.

1   11.   (Once Amended) A method of generating HyperText Markup Language

2   (HTML), the method comprising [the steps of]:

3   accessing a data store having data for display, the data including

4   information associated with an item including an item number; and

5   generating HTML including a reference to an image associated with the

6   item, the reference based upon the item number and an image

7   format associated with the image.

1   12.   (Once Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the reference

2   comprises an inline image tag, and wherein [the step of] said generating

3   HyperText Markup Language (HTML) including a reference to an image

4   associated with the item comprises specifying the SRC attribute of the

5   inline image tag in the form <path><item number>.<image extension>,

6   where <image extension> comprises a three or four character extension

7   corresponding to the image format.

1   15.   (Once Amended) A method of displaying items, the method comprising

2   [the steps of]:

3   storing in a database a first thumbnail image associated with a first item

4   for sale, the first thumbnail image created based on a first user-

5   specified image at a first remote site;

6   storing in the database a second thumbnail image associated with a

7   second item for sale, the second thumbnail image created based

8   upon a second user-specified image at a second remote site; and

9   responsive to a query, combining the first and second thumbnail images

10   onto a web page for presentation at a client from which the query

11   originated.

1   16.   (Twice Amended) A method of displaying items in [an] a person-to-person

2   online trading environment, the method comprising [the steps of]:

3   creating a first thumbnail image associated with a first item for sale, the

4   first thumbnail image based on a first user-specified image at a first

5   remote site;

6   creating a second thumbnail image associated with a second item for sale,

7   the second thumbnail image based on a second user-specified

8   image at a second remote site; and

9   responsive to a user query, combining the first and second thumbnail

10   images onto a web page for presentation at a client from which the

11   user query originated.

1   17.   (Once Amended) The method of claim 16, further comprising [the step of]

2   updating the first thumbnail image.

1   18.   (Once Amended) [In an online commerce environment, a] <u>A</u> method of

2   allowing a user to preview a plurality of items for sale[, the method

3   comprising the steps of] <u>comprising</u>:

4   receiving a query; and

5   causing a plurality of thumbnail images corresponding to items that satisfy

6   the user query to be displayed, each of the thumbnail images

7   created based upon a user-specified image.

Please add the following new claims:

1   22. - 25 (New)